GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary case of Sri S.Lakshminarayana, FRO(Retd.) formerly Sanipaya Range of Wildlife Division, Rajampet – Article of Charge issued – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposing a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the Charged Officer - Show-Cause-Notice Issued – Explanation called for – Further defence statement received - Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.IV) DEPARTMENT
G.O.MS.No. 69 Dated: 27-06-2018
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF Rc.No.37860/2006/K5, dt:8-10-2010.
2. Govt. Memo.No.8325/For.IV/A1/2010-1, Dt:23-10-2010.
3. From the Prl.CCF Lr. Rc.No.37860/2006/K5, Dt:08-05-2012.
4. Govt. Memo.No.8325/For.IV/A1/2010, Dated:29-04-2015.
5. Govt. Memo.No.8325/For.IV/A1/2010, Dated:18-03-2016.
6. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc.No.37860/2006/A&DC-3, dt:16-11-2017.
7. Govt. Memo.No.8325/For.IV/A1/2010, dt:15-03-2018.
8. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc.No.37860/2006/A&DC-1, dt.25.05.2018.
9. Govt.Lr.No.8325/Sec.IV/A1/2010, dt.01.06.2018.
10. From the APPSC, Lr. No.304/DC&C/2018, dt.17.05.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Guntur has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri S. Lakshminaryana, FRO (Retd), formerly Sanipaya Range of Wildlife Division, Rajampet, vide Ref.No.37860/06/PXR3, dt:26-2-2007 on the following count.

> "That the Forest Range Officer has committed gross neglect of duty in not check measuring the works properly resulting in booking of excess expenditure of Rs.32,030/- in execution of works in Sanipaya Range by his lower Sub-Ordinates during 2005-06".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 16.03.2007 but did not submit his explanation within the stipulated time. The Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management, Tirupati and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife, Rajampet were appointed as Inquiry Officer and the Presenting Officer respectively. The Inquiry Officer conducted the inquiry and submitted ex-parte findings in which he stated that the Charged Officer booked excess expenditure in advance operations in 1.2 Ha., of NTFP semi mechanical plantation under APCFM Project in Shikaripalam VSS during the year 2005-06 for the item of deep ploughing in ordinary soils Rs.3000/- per Ha. for 1.2 Ha. against Rs.2220-95 per Ha. Hence the Charged Officer has booked excess expenditure to a tune of Rs.935/-. The Inquiry Officer further stated that the Charged Officer booked excess expenditure in advance operations in Anumapally VSS and Upperapally VSS during the year of 2005-06 in respect of the work of CCTS and deep ploughing incurring excess expenditure of Rs.1,158/- and Rs.1,558/- respectively. Total excess booking in Rs. 3651/-.

3. The Inquiry Officer further stated that the deviation /shortfall is due to non-supervision of the works properly by the Charged Officer which were executed by the lower subordinates. The Inquiry Officer further stated that in response to the CCF, Wildlife Management Tirupati Rc. No. 5903 / 2006 /4,

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Dated:13-04-2009, the D.F.O., Wildlife Division, Rajampet vide his Rc.No.1031/2006, dated 19-05-2009 has submitted that, the excess expenditure incurred by the staff was recovered from the concerned sub-ordinates. The Inquiry Officer concluded that the charged is proved.

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer has acknowledged the letter on 15.06.2010 and not submitted further defence statement.

5. Since the Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation dated:28.2.2009, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and the material made available, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "1% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year" against Sri S.Lakshminarayana, FRO (Retd.) formerly Sanipaya Range of Wildlife Division, Rajampet, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 7th cited. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Show-Cause-Notice on 14.04.2018 and submitted his further defence statement on 26.04.2018 in which there are no fresh and new valid points.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided to impose a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the Charged Officer Sri S.Lakshminarayana, FRO (Retd.), formerly Sanipaya Range of Wildlife Division, Rajampet under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada (with ref. to Lr.No.355/DC&C/2018, dt.21.06.2018.)
Sf./Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER